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Applicant responds to the Office Action mailed on 03/13/00 in the following manner:

In the Claims:

1. Please cancel pending claims 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, and 17.

2. Please add the following claims 21 and 22.

21. (new) An assembly for detecting the presence of an individual within a trunk of a

vehicle, said assembly comprising:

   a sensor which is mounted within said trunk and that detects the occurrence of

at least one bodily function of said individual; and

   a controller assembly which is communicatively coupled to said sensor and

which provides a signal when said sensor detects the occurrence of at least one bodily